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SUBJECT: LENINGRAD HIJACKING

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1. FACT THAT HIJACKING ATTEMPT TOOK PLACE WAS CONFIRMED BY ZNANIYE SOCIETY LECTURER AT PUBLIC LECTURE APRIL 29. HIJACKER ORDERED SCHEDULED LENINGRAD- MOSCOW FLIGHT TO DIVERT TO STOCKHOLM. WHILE CREW MEMBER TALKED TO HIJACKER AIRCRAFT DESCENDED OVER FINISH GULF. WITHN HIJACKER REALIZED PLANE WAS LANDING AT LENINGRAD HE EXPLODED DEVICE, KILLING HIMSELF AND CREW MEMBER. MAN IDENTIFIED ONLY AS " BANDIT" ACCORDING TO LECTURER THERE WILL BE PRESS ANNOUNCEMENT OAFTER HOLIDAYS, POSSIBLY IN CONNECTION WITH AWARD TO CREW.

2. ACCORDING TO SOVIET AND WESTERN SOURCES INCIDENT TOOK PLACE APRIL 24. HIJACKER, IDENFITIED BY ONE SOURCE AS " FORMER PRISONER." WAS IN FLIGHT ENGINEERS COMPARTMENT ON FLIGHT DECK OF TU-104, SOME SAY DEVICE WAS EXPLODED AFTER PLANE TOUCHED DOWN.

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